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SUBJ: INVITATION FOR UNDER SECRETARY COOPER TO SPEAK IN BRAZIL

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1. WERNER BAER, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AND TEMPORARILY WITH THE BRAZILIAN INSTITUTE FOR GEOGRAPHY AND STATISTICS, WROTE TO UNDER SECRETARY COOPER ON FEBRUARY 4 TO INQUIRE ABOUT HIS WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN RIO DE JANEIRO. BAER TOLD CONGEN RIO THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO MAKE THIS INFORMAL INQUIRY BY MARCOS VIANNA, THE PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL'S NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK (BNDE), IN CONNECTION WITH THE CEREMONIES FOR THE BNDE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION THIS COMING JULY. THE LECTURE WOULD BE ON A SUBJECT OF THE UNDER SECRETARY'S CHOICE, AND WOULD BE PART OF A SERIES OF LECTURES BY DISTINGUISHED, INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN ECONOMISTS. BAER HAS HAD NO REPLY AND IS SENDING A FOLLOW-UP LETTER.

2. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY UNDER SECRETARY COOPER TO BRAZIL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONCEPTS AND

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RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH IN REFTEL B. EMBASSY, THEREFORE, REQUESTS THAT THE UNDER SECRETARY GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE BNDE'S INITIATIVE, ASSUMING HE WOULD NOT WISH TO CONSIDER AN EARLIER VISIT AS PART OF CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY LDCS PRIOR TO THE CIEC MINISTERIAL.

3. THE ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES FOR ONE OF BRAZIL'S MOST IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY TO MEET PERSONALLY WITH MANY OF BRAZIL'S MORE SENIOR ECONOMIC OFFICIALS AND LEADING ECONOMISTS, IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT, THE UNDER SECRETARY'S PARTICIPATION WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED AND APPRECIATED. (REFTEL A DESCRIBES THE INTEREST OF VIANNA, PLANNING MINISTER REIS VELLOSO AND THE PLANNING SECRETARIAT IN ESTABLISHING PERSONAL CONTACT WITH SENIOR ECONOMIC OFFICIALS OF THE ADMINISTRATION.) THE TIMING FOR THE VISIT OF A HIGH-RANKING US ECONOMIC POLICY OFFICIAL, AFTER THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND THE CIEC MINISTERIAL, WOULD BE ABOUT RIGHT IN TERMS OF A FURTHER ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH BRAZIL ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, THE EVOLUTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S THINKING ON CLOSER INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC POLICIES, AND THE STATUS OF BILATERAL ISSUES. WE BELIEVE THERE IS AMPLE SUBSTANTIVE JUSTIFICATION FOR ENGAGING THE GOB IN A FAIRLY CONTINUOUS HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, GIVEN BRAZIL'S POSITION IN THE WORLD ECONOMY, AND THE MAGNITUDE OF US FINANCIAL INVESTMENT AND TRADE INTERESTS IN THIS COUNTRY. FROM THAT STANDPOINT, WE BELIEVE AN EARLY VISIT BY THE UNDER SECRETARY, BEFORE OR SOON AFTER THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND CIEC MINISTERIAL, WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE. BEYOND THIS, IN LINE WITH OUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN REFTEL A, SUCH A VISIT WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL DIMENSION AS PART OF A US EFFORT TO CONTAIN THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF US-BRAZILIAN

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